

Torrance Herald

Co-Publishers
KING WILLIAMS - GLENN W. PFEIL
REID L. BUNDY - Managing Editor

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 1962

The Ballot Proposals

Six statewide ballot propositions—five of them carrying proposals for bond financing of state programs—will be included on ballots given to Torrance voters Tuesday. Some of the bond proposals are extremely worthy and could mean much to the future of California, others are acceptable and desirable, and only one—No. 4—deserves all-out opposition.

Particularly worthy are Propositions 1 and 3 which would continue the state's worthwhile program of school financing for today's students and those anticipated tomorrow.

In addition to the state proposals, voters living in the Shoestring Strip area of Torrance will find three Los Angeles City School measures labeled A, B, and C.

Propositions A and B would finance school construction programs for the system. Proposition A would provide \$104.8 million for elementary school construction and Proposition B would provide \$24 million for junior college construction, including a new West Los Angeles facility.

Proposition C for Los Angeles voters would raise the district tax rate from \$2.65 to \$3.25.

All three propositions have solid backing from Los Angeles officials and community leaders.

Proposition 1—Continues the state program of loans to school districts with a \$200 million bond issue. Loans would go to those districts who have used at least 95 per cent of their bonding capacity. These funds are vitally needed in many of California's school districts to meet burgeoning enrollments and should be approved.

Proposition 2—Would be a continuation of the 40-year-old program of loans to veterans. Proponents suggest that the program does not cost the taxpayers as they are entirely self-liquidating and have an excellent record of repayment. Opponents claim it raises the interest rate of other state bond programs, and that the need for additional bonds has not been indicated with a current backlog of \$160 million in unsold bonds. The proposal has the strong backing of California veterans organizations, and opposed by the California Taxpayers' Assn. and other state organizations.

Proposition 3—The measure would provide \$270 million for state construction of which 80 per cent would be allocated to new college facilities. State officials have said the early opening of the new four-year college in this area depends in some part on success of this bond measure. Elsewhere in California, college facilities are as badly needed and approval of Proposition 3 is recommended by the HERALD.

Proposition 4—This proposal, opposed by businessmen and taxpayers' groups, realtors, and other organizations, would provide loans to developers to construct low rent housing in any area of the state without local approval and paving the way for use of general funds over and above the bond issue of \$100 million. The measure probably would not materially change the status of the state's aged in regards to housing, but would trigger the development of a super housing agency which is not needed. Vote NO on Proposition 4.

Proposition 5—Would provide \$150 million in bond revenue for the acquisition and development of park and recreation areas throughout the state. Such sites are easier to acquire now than when development of an area begins and bond financing of such acquisitions which will benefit future generations is the only fair way of assessing the costs. A YES vote is recommended.

Proposition 6—Daylight Saving Time gets another chance to catch up with the majority of states in this proposal which would extend its use through October. A great majority of the people of California would benefit from the change and a YES vote is recommended.

Out of the Past

From the Pages of the HERALD

40 Years Ago

May 30, 1922, marked an epoch in the annals of Torrance. The American Legion post arranged the program for the first Memorial Day services ever held in Torrance and, to say the least, those who attended have only the highest praise for the initiative of the Legion in inaugurating the proper observance of that day of days set aside for all to pay tribute to those who have given up their lives in the defense of their country.

H. D. Pottenger, Chamber of Commerce secretary, was arrested as a vagrant and thrown into "jail" at Sacramento where he was attending the "Days of '49" celebration. When he was crossing "Slippery Gulch" in the improvised mining camp, he was pounced upon by two

burly deputies and thrown into "jail", later to be fined 30 dollars in the Kangaroo court proceedings. The \$30 turned out to be 30 cents and he was allowed to return to Torrance after a visit he said was most enjoyable.

30 Years Ago

Operatives from the District Attorney's office spent a busy time in Lomita and Torrance this last weekend and in a series of raids arrested a dozen men and women for the violation of the Wright Act, California's prohibition law.

Theme of the Tournament of Roses at Pasadena Jan. 1 will be "Fairytale—A Book of Fairy Tales and Flowers," according to an invitation received by Torrance officials yesterday.

Torrance High School will

James Dorais

We Were 'Mousetrapped' Governor's Aid Claims

The recent California visit of the Russian Communist cosmonaut Gherman Titov was an amusing example of the incredible gullibility of the modern political liberal.

All through the Thirties, through the Forties, and even into the Fifties, a vast array of perfectly loyal but fuzyminded American liberals could be counted on to sponsor newspaper ads, sign petitions, join letterhead committees and appear on speaking platforms in company with known Communist sympathizers in behalf of this cause or that event. Always, when attention was called to the embarrassing company they kept, their defense was lack of knowledge of the true sponsorship of the current Communist promotion.

In the more sophisticated Sixties, one would think that even the most diehard liberals would have learned their lesson. But gullibility, it seems, is an incurable disease.

When Titov came to San Francisco, a citizens committee of civic leaders was formed to give him a properly courteous reception. In accordance with the request of the U.S. State Department that his welcome be polite but restrained, he was shown the sights of the city, taken on a visit to the City Hall, and courteously entertained.

In the midst of the events arranged for him, however, Titov embarrassed his hosts by walking out on his schedule to attend a "spontaneous peace reception" arranged for him through the Russian Embassy in Washington by

graduate a class of 52 young men and women who will receive their diplomas at special exercises on June 15.

20 Years Ago

Fingerprinting of approximately 3,000 school children of Torrance will start Monday. The Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps will conduct the work at the schools and will catalogue and print all youngsters here whose parents have given consent to this form of wartime precaution.

Dr. Ralph Phillips, a returned missionary from China, will speak tonight at the Methodist church and show more than 1,000 feet of film depicting the bombing of Chinese cities. A collection will be taken to aid other missionaries still in China who are helping stricken families.

Doctor Shuns The Treatment



A Bookman's Notebook

Not Winning Pulitzer Prize Has Some Points

William Hogan

I'm still wondering why there was no Pulitzer Prize in biography awarded this year. The Columbia University trustees, which administer the Pulitzer, rejected an advisory board recommendation that the prize be given to W. A. Swanberg's "Citizen Hearst." If a life story of the stormy and controversial publisher did not fit the terms laid down in the will of Hearst's old enemy, the late Joseph Pulitzer, why did the prize not go to the runner-up—Mark Schorer's "Sinclair Lewis: An American Life?"

Maybe a work on the cantankerous and iconoclastic Lewis did not qualify under the peculiar terms of the biography award. The prize goes to "the best American biography teaching patriotic and unselfish services to the people, illustrated by an eminent example."

Columbia University continues to decline comment. Yet Mark Schorer's book, interestingly enough, describes a parallel situation that involved Lewis. The publisher Alfred Harcourt submitted Lewis's novel "Main Street" as a logical aspirant for a Pulitzer Prize for 1921. The jury chairman was Robert M. Lovett, and his fellow members were Stuart P. Sherman and Hamlin Garland. Schorer continues:

"So late as March 1921, Hamlin Garland had not read a novel of the previous year that he felt that he could endorse... but he voted with his fellows that the prize should go to 'Main Street.' In May the trustees of Columbia overruled the jury and awarded the prize to Edith Wharton for 'The Age of Innocence.' On June 22, in the New Republic, appeared the jury's public protest signed by the chairman and including Sherman's open letter to the trustees..."

"Babbit" did not win a Pulitzer Prize either. That one (1923) went to Willa Cather for "One of Ours." Lewis's "Arrowsmith" was named the Pulitzer Prize novel in 1928, and of course Lewis declined it. Schorer quotes a letter Lewis wrote to Alfred Harcourt at the time:

"There are three traffic problems—urban, suburban and suburban. —Kenny Bennett, Greencastle (Ind.) Putnam County Graphic."

"This is the season when heavy fogs give cars the creeps." —Bert Masterson, Hartsdale (N. Y.) Masterson Press.

"We've always taken for granted the little import cars come equipped with sliding sun roofs for tall men with hats." —Louis Nelson Bowman, King City (Mo.) Tri-County News.

the Russian American Institute, which has been cited as a Communist front organization.

Prominent in attendance were Vivian Hallinan, wife of the one-time candidate for President on the Independent Progressive Party ticket, who hailed Titov and his wife as "products of a new society, the world of socialism"; Dr. Holland Roberts, former head of the defunct leftwing California Labor School; Harry Bridges; and what one newspaper described as "various women who have been active in peace movements."

At this jolly but embarrassing rally, a "fervent telegram" was read from Governor Edmund G. Brown which concluded by asking Titov to "carry back to Russia our message of welcome and friendship."

When apprised of the rally's sponsorship, a spokesman for the Governor hastily disavowed knowledge of the true nature of the affair. Another individual, listed on the printed invitations as a sponsor, declared that he and the Governor had been "mouse-trapped."

The moral of this wryly amusing episode would seem

to be that people who are so busy castigating right-wingers for complaining about high taxes and big government haven't the time and good sense to avoid being mousetrapped by the international Communist conspiracy.

Quote

"The reason more people are killed in auto accidents than in train wrecks is because the engineer never tries to hug the fireman." —Fred W. Grown, Edgewater (N. J.) Bergen Citizen.

"There are three traffic problems—urban, suburban and suburban. —Kenny Bennett, Greencastle (Ind.) Putnam County Graphic."

"This is the season when heavy fogs give cars the creeps." —Bert Masterson, Hartsdale (N. Y.) Masterson Press.

"We've always taken for granted the little import cars come equipped with sliding sun roofs for tall men with hats." —Louis Nelson Bowman, King City (Mo.) Tri-County News.

ROYCE BRIER

Slight Hitch Develops In Common Market Plans

All we remember for sure about jolly old Henry VIII is that he was interested in Anne Boleyn, but he had interests more enduring. He ruled a chunk of France, and the French spent some part of the 1500s getting rid of the English.

It was then thought the island people would not amount to shucks anymore, but it didn't turn out that way. Still, most of the Europeans learned as babes that the English should stay away, and the British profited greatly by playing balance-of-power in European quarrels. You will remember a Hitler obsession that he had barred the British forever from the Continent.

So it comes a full cycle again, and the Europeans are ganging on the British, this time not only islanders but their far-flung Commonwealth.

Britain decided last year to join the European Economic Community, or Common Market—France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

This is a mighty industrial-trade complex, with political

overtones which might lead to a loose confederation, even though President de Gaulle is chary of the idea.

But suddenly Chancellor Adenauer is reported saying privately that Britain can only have an associate membership in EEC. This would bar the British from any political say-so if the politics congealed.

London reaction now makes clear they don't think Adenauer dares stand against British adherence publicly, adding they want full membership or nothing.

You don't, of course, know what Adenauer will dare. If he can sell it to de Gaulle—who is pretty ready to buy perverse ideas—Britain may be out.

The story is that with Britain admitted, several smaller nations would follow, at least Norway and Denmark, possibly the "neutrals," Sweden, Austria, and Switzerland. This would be the Big Europe concept being pushed by many ECC zealots, but not necessarily by Adenauer and de Gaulle.

In any case, Britain's full admission would radically change EEC, and Britain would become the "leader" on the Continent, as Henry VIII dreamed of being.

Hitherto, Britain's chief anxiety was to protect Commonwealth trade interests when she joined. British delegates are now in Brussels to learn if their country can join at all.

Established Jan. 1, 1914

Torrance Herald

Member of National Editorial Association, Calif. Newspaper Publishers Assn., L.A. Suburban Newspapers, Inc. Verified Audit Circulation Represented Nationally by The Ritzel Co. Publication office and plant, 1519 Gramercy Ave., Torrance, Calif. Published Semi-weekly, Thursday and Sunday by King Williams Press, Inc. Entered as second class matter January 30, 1914, at Post Office, Torrance, California, under act of March 3, 1879. King Williams Glenn W. Pfeil Co-Publishers Reid L. Bundy—Managing Editor Doug Anderson—Display Adv. Mgr. Darrell Westcott—Circulation Mgr. Chas. B. Thomas—Mechanical Supt. Adjudicated a legal newspaper by Superior Court, Los Angeles County, Adjudicated "Decree No. 21870," March 30, 1927. SUBSCRIPTION RATES: By Carrier, 50c a month, Mail subscriptions, \$2.50 a year. Circulation of, file PA 8-4000.

Louis B. Seltzer, editor of the Cleveland Press and a member of this year's Pulitzer advisory board, upheld the Columbia trustees as having "the right under the will to exercise the judgment which they did." Seltzer added: "I don't think anyone on the advisory board should be offended."

Meanwhile Scribner's, publishers of "Citizen Hearst," reports a rash of new orders for its non-Pulitzer Prize-winner because of the attendant publicity. Schorer finds himself, with Lewis, in excel-

lent non-prize-winning company. The rest of us may wonder if literary prizes have any true meaning after all.

Notes on the Margin... A collection of some of the most interesting plays of the contemporary theater appears from Grove Press as "Seven Plays of the Modern Theater." It features work by Samuel Beckett, Brendan Behan, Shelagh Delaney, Jack Gelber, Jean Genet, Eugene Ionesco and Harold Pinter. Introduction by Harold Clurman (\$8.50).

Around the World With



DELAPLANE

"What will it cost us to ship a car home from England and the tax and how do you do it..."

First, you don't pay any British tax when you buy the car. As long as you get it out of the country within a year. (British tax is about half the cost!)

You pay American Customs duty at 8½ per cent on the value. If you've driven the car, it's second-hand. You don't pay as much as for a new car. So drive it 100 miles.

Shipping costs depend on size—but roughly \$200 should do it. The place where you buy the car should make all shipping arrangements. And make them early. Space gets pretty tight toward August when all the tourists are heading home.

"We hear it's difficult to get tickets to the Folies Bergere in Paris..."

It does get filled up in the summer season. Forty per cent of the business is American. (In my opinion, this show is plenty overrated—they make so much money they're not trying anymore.)

The concierge at your hotel (tip five francs) will probably come up with a pair.

If you don't make it, see the Casino de Paris. Same thing. Semi-nudes in big production scenes. The Lido night club has an excellent show for the cost of one bottle of champagne.

And Naturistes and Chez Eve in Place Pigalle are more close up. Add your check yourself. The waiters flunked math.

"If you could suggest some place in America, not too hot in the summer, for a vacation?"

I am high on Grand Teton National Park in the cool, high Rockies. Price ranges from \$20 in the plush lodges to a few dollars a day in half tent, half cabin camps where you can rent cots, cook on open fires and fish the lakes or the Snake River. Information booklets from Cerwin Organization, Phelan Building, San Francisco.

Farm Vacations, 500 Fifth Avenue, New York City (50 cents) lists all kinds of places, from dude ranches to working farms that take guests.

"Do you need dress clothes on a Pacific cruise ship? One of the P-and-O-Orient boats?"

If you're in first-class, I think you'll feel better with dinner clothes. Not so in other classes.

"What are the best seats for the bull fights in Mexico City?"

Ask for primer tendido, sombra—that's shady side, about halfway up. You'll be surrounded by Americans. Rent a pillow from the usher. Those seats are hard.

"Can you recommend a reliable place to buy a watch in Switzerland?"

Watch prices and gold or silver content are strictly controlled. You can buy anywhere with confidence. You might find just as good watches and better prices if you buy house name watches—Turler, Gubelin, Bucherer are big houses putting out watches with their own names. (They sell brand names, too.)

The insides for all Swiss watches are made in a few towns. It's the casing, styling and advertising that fixes the price.

"Who was the Tahiti taxi driver who made love charms?"

That's Jimmy at the Hotel Tahiti—a part-time tahua. He does some old-time charm work on things like tikis, the stone gods. But not love charms. You don't need to charm love in these islands.

Morning Report:

When Eisenhower was President, the Democrats watched him every time he left the White House to play golf or lay a cornerstone. Now the Republicans are watching Kennedy.

It turns out that in his first year in office, Kennedy was away from Washington 123 days. Ike was away only 109 in his first year. Or the more things change, the more they stay the same.

On the other hand, nobody yet proved that staying in the White House office from 8 to 5 every day of the week is the best thing for the country. Emerson did say, "The less government we have the better."

Abe Mellinkoff